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SUBJ: COUP IN BANGLADESH: SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

REF: DACCA 3945

1. AS OF 1600 HOURS DACCA TIME, COUP CONTINUES TO
APPEAR SUCCESSFUL WITH NO ACTIVE OPPOSITION OBSERVED.
STREETS ARE QUIET; PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IS LIGHT AND
DIMINISHING ALTHOUGH SMALL CROWDS GATHERED THROUGHOUT
THE DAY AT INTERSECTIONS. THERE IS ALMOST NO VEHICULAR
TRAFFIC; CURFEW WAS LIFTED FROM 1230 TO 1400 HOURS TO
PERMIT ATTENDANCE AT JUMMA PRAYERS. THERE ARE FEW
MILITARY PERSONNEL ON THE ROADS. EMOFFS TRAVELLING
SEVERAL ROUTES BETWEEN EMBASSY AND DHANMONDI
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IN LATE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON REPORT TANK CONCENTRA-

TIONS ONLY IN VICINITY OF RADIO STATION NEAR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AND DACCA CLUB AND MILITARY TRUCKS AND TROOPS IN VICINITY OF SHEIKH MUJIB'S RESIDENCE ON ROAD 32 IN DHANMONDI AND ON ROOFTOPS IN IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD. AS VIEWED FROM MAIN ROAD, SOME DISTANCE AWAY, THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE ACTIVITY AT FORMER SECOND CAPITAL SITE OF PRESIDENTIAL OFFICES AND MP HOSTEL. THERE WAS NO SIGN THERE OF MILITARY VEHICLES OR TROOPS CONCENTRATIONS. EMBASSY CARS ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL ROADS WITHOUT HINDRANCE; ONLY ONE EMBOFF WAS STOPPED IN MID MORING BY ARMORED CORPS PERSONNEL NEAR RADIO STATION BUT POLITELY WAVED ON UPON PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION.

2. ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE JATIYO RAKKHI BAHINI HAS JOINED HEADS OF OTHER SECURITY FORCES IN ANNOUNCING OVER RADIO SUPPORT FOR NEW GOVERNMENT. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE NOTED (DACCA 3938) THAT DIRECTOR OF RAKKHI BAHINI IS NOW OUT OF COUNTRY ON TOUR TO EUROPE AND UNITED STATES. AT 1540 HOURS RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT ALL PERSONNEL OF ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, BANGLADESH RIFLES, POLICE, AND RAKKHI BAHINI ARE TO REPORT BACK FOR DUTY IMMEDIATELY.

3. SHEIKH MONI'S BROTHER HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT MONI AND WIFE; SHEIKH MUJIB AND HIS THREE SONS KAMAL, JAMAL, AND RUSSELL; AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER IN SERNEABAT FAMILY HAVE BEEN KILLED. WE HAVE HEARD THAT PRIME MINISTER MONSOOR ALI IS DEAD AND THAT ARRESTS AMONG MINISTERS HAVE BEGUN. TOFAEL AHMED IS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED BUT WE AHVE YET TO HEAR OF FATE OF BAKSAL LEADERS NOT IN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS.

4. THERE CONTINUE TO BE NO REPEAT NOT REPORTS OF THREATS OF INJURIES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS OR DAMAGE TO ANY AMERICAN PROPERTY.

5. THE AIRPORT IS CLOSED. MILITARY OFFICER IN CHARGE TOLD BANGALEE TRAVEL ASSISTANT AT AIRPORT THAT A MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT 1800 HOURS TO DETERMINE WHEN AIRPORT MIGHT BE OPENDED. BANGALEE ASSISTANT OBSERVED LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS AT AIRPORT.

6. RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMED WAS SWORN
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INTO OFFICE THIS MORNING WITH THREE SERVICE CHIEFS, OTHER HIGH RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS, AND CIVILIAN DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE. (WE HAVE, HOWEVER, HAD CONTRADICTORY REPORT THAT THERE WILL BE SOME KIND OF SWEARING IN CEREMONY THIS EVENING.)

7. ACCORDING BANGLADESH RADIO, ALL EX-ARMY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO EXPRESS THEIR WILLINGNESS TO REJOIN THE ARMY. THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THEY ARE

NEEDED AND WANTED.

8. AT THIS MOMENT TANKS, AT LEAST FOURTEEN IN NUMBER,
ARE MOVING DOWN MAIN ROAD NEAR REAR OF EMBASSY APPARENTLY
ENROUTE TO BANGABHABAN WHERE PRESIDENT USED TO LIVE
UNDER PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM.
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